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Title: JOINT ASSEMBLY EMPLOYING MULTI-RING GASKET

**AMENDMENT**

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Greetings:

In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 1999, please amend the above-identified  
patent application as follows: